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PART II.

OFFICIAL PAPERS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

Food Situation for the week ending 13th March 1920.

Brief abstract of the special reports regarding the Food Situation for the week ending 13th March 1920.

Bangalore City.—During the week under report, 227 carts of ragi and 24 carts of paddy came into the bazaar as against 152 carts of ragi and 26 carts of paddy in the previous week

The price of ragi ranged from Rs. 74 to Rs. 84 per cart during the week against Rs. 80 to Rs. 90 per cart in the previous week. The price of ragi has come down owing to new ragi coming into the bazaar.

There is sufficient stock of rice and ragi in the bazaar

The Municipal Depot and the three Test Depots are selling to the poor, Rangoon rice. The importers are also selling rice to the public at their depots.

Mysore City.—The price of food grains are steadily high. Paddy is selling at Rs. 20, per candy and local 2nd class rice at Rs. 24 to Rs. 28, per palla.

Bangalore District.—There was no rain during the week. Threshing of ragi is almost completed and milling of sugar-cane has commenced. *Vaisakhi* paddy is in good condition.

Rice (local) is selling at 3½ to 4 seers, while Burma rice is selling at somewhat cheaper rates by the Co-operative Societies. Ragi is selling at 7 to 8 seers a rupee while a limited quantity is being sold to the poor people at Magadi at the concession rate of 9 seers.

The supply of ragi to the market is getting to be somewhat easier and on this account the demand for rice at Dodballapur is reported to be slack. There is some noticeable improvement in the situation so far as supply to the markets is concerned in other places as well.

Mysore District.—No change. Markets are well supplied, but the prices remain about the same.

Tumkur District.—The situation remains unchanged. The price of ragi ranges from Rs. 70 to Rs. 75 per cart-load of 640 seers, and that of paddy between Rs. 65 and Rs. 75 per cart-load. Burma rice was being sold in the Depots at Tumkur, Gubbi, Tiptur, Maddagiri and Pavagada and Turuvekere.

Kolar District.—Burma rice is being sold in all the Government Depots of the district and the January allotment is under distribution. There are some signs of prices going down which appears to be due more to the gold market affecting the price of most commodities than to any other cause in particular.

The *Vaisakhi* paddy crop has been attacked by the pest "Kembatti Roga" in several parts of the district.

Hassan District.—The *santhes* were fairly well supplied, but ragi is not so freely coming into the market as rice. Large stocks of paddy and rice still continue to be exported to Bangalore and other places in the State. From the Hassan Railway Station alone as much as 857 bags of paddy, 547 bags and 727 pallas of rice were exported mostly to Bangalore.

Standing crops such as sugar-cane and *Kar paddy* are in a good condition.

Prices still continue to be high.

The prospects of the season are generally good for the present.

Shimoga District.—There has been no material change in the food situation in the district.

Rice of the second sort is reported to have been sold at the last Aynur fair at 5 seers per rupee and in the Sorab Taluk at $4\frac{3}{4}$ to 5 seers as against 5 to $5\frac{1}{4}$ seers in the previous fair.

Kadur District.—The markets were well supplied with food stuffs, but their prices ruled high as usual. Ragi was sold at Chikmagalur and Kadur at 9 seers a rupee as against 8 seers in the last week. At Koppa it was sold at $8\frac{1}{2}$ seers, *i.e.*, $1\frac{1}{2}$ seers more than that of the previous week. At Tarikere, rice was sold at $4\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 seers a rupee as against 5 to $5\frac{1}{2}$ seers in the last week.

Wheat is being harvested in parts of Chikmagalur and Kadur, its yield being estimated at 8 annas. Paddy is also harvested at Mudgere and Narasimharajapura and their yield is reported to be 8 and 12 annas respectively. Ragi is harvested at Mudgere with an yield of 8 annas.

Chitaldrug District.—The prices of food grains have slightly gone down. Ragi, jola, (mungar) and navane are all selling at almost the same price, *viz.*, Rs. 10 a palla.

Horse gram also has gone down in price and is selling at Rs. 10 to Rs. 11 a palla.

General (By Food Controller).—The general situation throughout the State, remains almost unchanged. The markets all over have been receiving enough of supplies. The prices have remained almost steady. In the Tumkur District and Bangalore City, the price of ragi shows a tendency to go down. The prices of food grains in the Chitaldrug District especially at the frontier are somewhat better than those prevailing in the interior of the State.

The Burma rice imported against February allotment, the whole of which had arrived in Madras before the end of last week, is still being despatched to the several stations and it is expected that the despatch of the whole of it will be completed within a week's time. This rice is now being sold in the Bangalore City at 5 seers a rupee.

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Relinquished Coffee Lands.

READ—

Letter No. C. 228—Gl. 19-20, dated 6—7th January 1920, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, stating that it is reported that a number of applications has been received in the Hassan District for the grant of relinquished coffee lands which are assessed and are overgrown with lantana under the rules for the extirpation of lantana published with Government Order No. R. 3298-3322—L. R. 508-09-2, dated 16th November 1910, and that the rules do not make any distinction between relinquished coffee lands and other assessed waste